

Will the broadcast flag interfere with consumers ability to make copies of DTV content for their personal use, either on personal video recorders or removable media?

From my understanding there would be interference because you would have to buy products that are compliant. I don't think I should have to buy new equipment to do things that I've been doing that are legal to do. The standards inhibit choice.

Would the broadcast flag requirement limit consumers ability to use their existing electronic equipment (equipment not built to look for the flag) or make it difficult to use older components with new equipment that is compliant with the broadcast flag standard?

What I currently own fits my needs. I don't want to have to buy new equipment to do basically the same things I'm doing now.

Would a broadcast flag requirement limit the development of future equipment providing consumers with new options?

This is one of the biggest issues I have. Government and others are always talking about competition in a free market place. This is the opposite of that. It seems once again an industry with influence is ignoring and try to stop competition to insure more control over a sector of the economy.

#### Other Comments:

The flaws of this proposal include retarding innovation, undermining competition, curtailing fair use and banning free/open software. It doesn't meet the public good. It provides the most inconvenience and cost to honest people who do things legally and doesn't do much for the determined wrongdoer. There has to be a better way to protect copyrights without harming the public good.